## D The D D **Lost Continent**

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CHAPTER X .- CONTINUED. "This good port captain tells me hat you made a most valiant attempt o return, Nais, and for an excuse you told that it was your love for some man in the city here which drew you. Come now, we are willing to overlook much of your faults if you will give us reasonable chance. Point me out rour man, and if he is a proper fellow I will see that he weds you honestly. Yes, I will do more for you, Nais, since this day brings me to a husband. See ing that all your estate is confiscate as a penalty for your late rebellion, I will charge myself with your dowry and give it back to you. So come,

unme me the man." The girl looked at her with a sullen is no man."

I tried myself to give her advocacy. The lady doubtless spoke what came grip of a rude soldiery, any excuse which can save her for the moment must serve. For myself, I should confess to having come back to her old alleglance, if she were asked."

"Sir," said the empress, "keep your peace. Any interest you may show in this matter will go far to offend me. You have spoken of Nais in your nartongue was shrewd and you did not say much, I am a woman and I could read between the lines. Now regard, my rebel. I have no wish to be unduly hard upon you, though once you were my fan-girl, and so your running away is all the more naughty. But you must meet me half-way. You must give an excuse for a leniency. Point me out the man you would wed, and he shall be your husband to-morrow." "There is no man."

"Then name me one at random Why, my pretty Nais, not ten months ago there were a score who would have leaped at the chance of having you for a wife. Drop your coyness, girl, and name me one of those. I warrant you that I will be your ambassadress and will put the matter to him with such delicacy that he will not make you blush by refusal."

The prisoner moistened her lips. "I am a maiden, and I have a maiden's modesty. I will die as you choose, but I will not do this indecency."

"Well, I am a maiden, too, and though because I am empress also, questions of state have to stand before questions of my private modesty, and I can have a sympathy for yours although in truth I did not obtrude No, come to think of it, you liked a tender glance and a pretty phrase as well as any when you were fan-girl. You have grown wild and

shy among these savage rebels, but I

will not punish you for that. "Let me call your favorites to memory now. There was Tarca, of course; but Tarea had a difference with that ill-dressed father of yours, and wears a leprosy on half his face instead of that beard he used to trim so finely. And then there is Tatho; but Tatho is away over seas. Eron, too, you liked Cother day, and I would not marry you to less than a whole man. Ah, by my face! I have it, the dainty exquisite, Rota! He is the husband! How well I remember the way he used to dress in a change of garb each day to eateh your proud fancy, girl. Well, you shall have Rota. He shall lead you to wife before this hour to-morrow.'

Again the prisoner moistened her lips. "I will not have Rofa, and spare me the others. I know why you mock me, Phorenice."

Then there are three of us here who share one knowledge." She turned her eyes upon me. Gods! who ever saw the like of Phorenice's eyes, and who ever saw them lit with such a fire as burned within them then? "My lord, you are marrying me for policy; I am marrying you for policy, and for another reason which has grown stronger of late, and which you may guess at. Do you wish still to carry out the match?"

I looked once at Nais, and then I looked steadily back at Phorenice. The command given by the mouth of Zaemon from the high council of the

throne of granite as a wedding gift. knew. And you shall do it too with your own watch your devotion."

cause you know me well, and my methds very thoroughly, your love for him must be very deep or you would not nave come. And so, being here, you thall be put beyond mischief's reach. I am not one of those who see luxury in fostering rivals.

"You came for attention at hands of Deucalion. By my face! you shall have it. I will watch myself while he willds you up living."

So this mighty empress chose to be Jealous of a mere woman prisoner!

Now my mind has been trained to work with a soldierly quickness in these moments of stress, and I deided upon my proper course on the stant the words bad left her lips. was sacrificing myself for Atlantis by order of the high council of the ts, and, if needful, Nais must be fired also, although in the same

would again awaken her when oppor-

would again awaken her when oppor-tunity offered.

So I bowed gravely before the em-press, and said I: "In this, as in all other things where a mere human hand is potent, I will carry out your wishes, Phorenice." And she on her part patted my arm, and fresh waves of feeling welled up from the depths of her wondrous eyes. Surely the gods won for her half her schemes and half her battles when they gave and half her battles when they gave Phorenice her shape, and her voice, and the matters which lay within the outlines of her face. -

THE BURYING ALIVE OF NAIS. There is no denying that the wishes Phorenice were carried into quick effect in the city of Atlantis. Her modern theory was that the country and all therein existed only for the good of the empress, and when she had a desire. n cost could possibly be too great in its carrying out.

She had given forth her edlet conserning the burying alive of Nais, and hough the words were that I was to buil the throne of stone, it was an understood thing that the manual labor was to be done for me by others. brow, "I spoke a lie," she said; "there Heralds made the proclamation in every ward of the city, and masons, laborers, etonecutters, sculptors, engineers and architects took hands from whatever was occupying them for the moment, and hastened to the rendezgave directions, and the lesser archithink it like enough that she would teets and the engineers saw these car- exactness and pomp of the older manried into effect. Any material within the walls of the city on which they set their seal was taken at once without payment or compensation; and as the blocks of stone they chose were the most monstrous that could be got, rative before; and although your they were forced to demolish no few hulldings to give them passage.

I have before spoken of the modern rage for erecting new palaces and pyramids, and, even though at the moment an army of rebels was battering with war engines at the city walls, the to these ill-kempt malcontents, who building guilds were steadily at work. beat their heads against my city walls, and their skill (with Phorenice's marvelous invention to aid them) was constantly on the increase. True, they could not move such massive blocks of stone as those which the early gods planted for the sacred circle of our Lord the Sun, but they had got rams and trucks and cranes which could handle amazing bulks.

The throne was to be erected in the open square before the royal pyramid. Seven tiers of stone were there for a groundwork, each a knee-height deep, and each cut in the front with three steps. In the uppermost layer was a eavity made to hold the body of Nais. and above this was poised the vast block which formed the seat of the throne itself.

Throughout the night, to the light of torches, relay after relay of the stone-cutters and the masons and the sweating laborers had toiled over bringing up the stone and dressing it into fit shape, and laying it in due position; and the engineers had built machines for lifting, and the architects unduly when you were my fan-girl. had proved that each stone lay in its



"I WILL NOT WED." SAID THE PRIS-ONER, QUIETLY. .

just and perfect place. Whipseracked, and men fainted with the labor, but so soon as one was incapable another pressed forward into his place. No delay was brooked when Phorenice had and wed before we rise from these said her wish.

And finally as the square began to fill with people come to gape at the pageant of to-day, the chippings and the scaffolding were cleared away, and taken, warm and quick and beautiful with it the bodies of some half-score of workmen who had died from accidents or their exertions during the building, and there stood the throne. splendid in its carvings, and all ready for completion. The lower part stood more than two man-heights above the ground, and no stone of its courses weighed less than 20 men; the uppe part was double the weight of any of Sacred Mountain had to outweigh all these, and was carved so that the else, and I answered that such was my royal snake encircled the chair and the great hooded head overshadowed it. "Then," said she, glowering at me But at present the upper part was not with her eyes, "you shall build me up on its bed, being held up high by liftthe pretty body of Nais beneath a ing-rams, for what purpose all men

It was to face this scene, then, that proper hands, my Deucalion, while I I came out from the royal pyramid at the summons of the chamberlains in And to Nais she turned with a cruel the cool of next morning. Each great smile. "You lied to me, my girl, and man who had come there before me you spoke truth to the soldiers in the had banner-bearers and trumpeters to parbor forts. There is a man here proclaim his presence; the middle in the city you came after, and he is classes were in all their bravery of apthe one man you may not have. Be- parel; and even poor squalid creatures, with ribs of hunger showing through their dusky skins, had turbans and wisps of color wrapped about their

heads to mark the gayety of the day. The trumpets proclaimed my com-ing, and the people shouted welcome; and, with the gorgeous chamber ains walking backward in advance, I went across to a scarlet awning that had been prepared, and took my seat upon the cushions beneath it.

And then came Phorenice, my bride that was to be that day, fresh from sleep, and gorgeous in her splendid beauty. She was borne out from the pyramid in an open litter of gold and lvory by fantastic savages from Europe, her own refinement of feature being thrown up into all the higher relief by contrast with their brutish ugliness. One could hear the people draw a deep breath of delight as their scheme came to me for saving eyes first fell upon her; and it is easy to believe there was not a man in that the cooks, yet she could not die.

pression of my face. We we ceremonial to-day-n ghat affair throughout all its acts, if you choose, but still ceremonial; and was minded to show Phorenice a grand manner that would leave her nothing to eavil at. After all that had been gone through and endured, I did not intend a great scheme to be shattered by letting my agony and pain show themselves in either a shaking hand or a twitching cheek. When it came to the point, I told myself, I would lay the living body of my love in the hollow beneath the stone as calmly and with as litt' outward emotion as though I had been a mere priest carrying out the burial of some dead stranger. And she, on her part, would not, I knew, betray our secret. With her, too, it was truly: "Before all, At-

in an acidulous way.

"'S vallow it!' she said. 'Why, my husband belongs to two whist clubs and more lodges than you could count. Swallow it! Ilumph! I reckon I haven't been married ten years without learning to swallow bigger things than that."—Washington Post.

Servousness Gave the Words a Twist,

Everything was in readiness. The groom, best man and the minister were gathered in the vestry. The organist began to play and the minister started for the door.

"Wait one moment, doctor," called the nervous groom. "Is it the right or left hand the ring goes on?"

"The left," hurriedly replied the minister.

ister.
"And, doctor, is—is it kisstermary to cuss the bride?"—Philadelphia Times.

Veracity Indorsed.

Deeder-Have you ever had any dealings

Deeder—Have you ever had any dealings
with Brooks?
Pleder—Yes, indeed.
"Well, what do you think of him? Is he
is man of his word?"
"Strictly so, according to my experience;
I won a case for him several years ago, and
in his enthusiasm he said he could never
pay me for what I had done for him; and he
never did."—Richmond Dispatch.

A Car Load of Dimes,

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As each package retails for 10c the weight of the retail price of the three millions packages in dimes is 18,000 pounds, or almost a car load.

SCRAPS OF INFORMATION.

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A silken thread is three times as

Among the 24 inhabitants of Lon-

don who are over a hundred years

What were supposed to be dia-

But little notice was taken in Hol-

and of the anniversary of Queen

Withelmina's wedding, and no refer-

ence to it whatever appeared in the

According to the traditions, about

t,000 people perished in the destruc-

tion of Pompeii. The excavators have

found 286 human skeletons and those

At a recent meeting of the anthro-

pological society, of Washington, evi-

dence was adduced that the tattoo

marks on Eskimo women were made

for the purpose of indicating rela-

THIS IS SIMPLY WONDERFUL

Champion, Mich., March 17th, Mrs.

rapher has had a remarkable experi

Mrs. Wellett tells the story this way:

"I could not sleep, my feet were cold,

my limbs cramped. I had an awful hard

pain across my back. I had to get up

three or four times every night. I was

very nervous and fearfully despond

"After I had suffered in this way fo

ave years I began to use Dodd's Kid-

ney Pills. When I had taken a few

pills you ought to have seen what came

from my kidneys. It looked like a

"I kept on using Dodd's Kidney Pills

till I was cured. Now I can sleep well

and do not have to get up in the night,

I have no pain in my back or limbs and

I feel better than I have for years."

ent. I had very little appetite.

spoiled egg only darker.

of nine horses and five dogs.

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proved to be white sapphires.

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leading Dutch papers.

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lantis. I think it spared a pang to find that there was to be no mockery or flippaney in what went forward. was solemn and impressive; and, though a certain grandeur and somberness which bit deep into my bast was lost to the vulgar crowd, I fancy that the outward shape of the double sacrifice they witnessed that day would not be forgotten by any of them, although the inner meaning of it all was completely hidden from their minds. When it suited her fancy, none could be more strict on the ritual of a ceremony than this many-mooded empress, and it appeared that on this occasion she yous. The architects chose a chief who had given command that all things were to be carried out with the rigid

So she was borne up by her Europeans on the searlet awning, and I handed her to the ground. She seated herself on the cushions and beckoned me to her side, entwining her fingers with mine, as has always been the custom with rulers of Atlantis and their consorts. And there before us as we sat a body of soldiery marched up, and, opening out, showed Nais in their midst. She had a collar of metal round her neck, with chains depending from it firmly held by a brace of guards, so that she could not run in upon the spears of the escort, and thus get a quick and easy death, which is often the custom of those condemned to the more lingering punishments.

But it was pleasant to see that she still wore her clothing. Raiment, whether of fabric or skin, has its value, and custom has always given the garments of the condemned to the soldiers guarding them. So, as Nais was not tripped, I could not but see that some one had given money to the guards as a recompense, and in this I thought I enw the hand of Yiga, and felt a gratitude towards her.

The soldiers brought her forward to the edge of the pavilion's shade, and he was bidden prostrate herself before the empress; and this she wisely did, and so avoided rough handling and force. Her face was pale, but showed neither fear nor defiance, and her eyes were calm and natural. She was remembering what was due to Atlantis, and I was thrilled with love and pride as I watched her.

But outwardly, I, too, was impassive is a man of stone; and though I knew that Phorenice's eye was on my face, there was never anything on it from first to last that I would not have had

"Nais," said the empress, "you have eaten from my platter when you were fan-girl, and drank from my cup, and what was yours I gave you. You should have had more gratitude, you should have had knowledge also that the arm of the empress was long and her hand consummately heavy. But it seems that you have neither of these things. And, moreover, you have tried to take certain matter that the empress has set apart for herself. You were offered pardon on terms, and you rejected it. You were foolish. But it is a day now when I am inclined to elemency. Presently, seated on that carved throne of granite which he has built me yonder, I shall take my Lord Deucation to husband. Give me a plain word that you are sorry, girl, and name a man whom you would choose, and I will remember the brightness of the occasion; you shall be pardoned

eushions." "I will not wed," she said, quietly. "Think for the last time, Nais, of what is the other choice. You will be as you stand there this minute, and lain in the hollow place that is made beneath the throne-stone. Deucalion, that is to be my husband, will lay you in that awful bed, as a symbol that so shall perish all Phorenice's enemies; and then he will release the rams and lower the upper stone into place, and the world shall see your face no more. Look at the bright sky, Nais, fill your chest with the sweet, warm air, and then think of what this death will menn. Believe me, girl, I do not want to make you an example unless you force me.

"I will not wed," said the prisoner. quietly.

The empress loosed her fingers from my arm and lay back against the cush-"If the girl presumes on our old familiarity, or thinks that I jest, show her now, Deucalion, that I do not."

"The empress is far from jesting." I said. "I will do this thing because it is the wish of the empress that it should be done, and because it is the command of the empress that a symbol of it shall remain forever as an example for others. Lead your pris oner to the place."

The soldiers wheeled, and the two guards with the chains of the collar which was on the neek of Nais prepared to put out force to drag her up the steps. But she walked with them willingly, and with a color unchanged, and I rose from my seat and made obeisance to the empress and followed

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The "Brain Fever Bird." Familiar to most residents in India is a kind of cuckoo known as the "brain fever bird," of which an ample has just arrived at the zo has received this lengthy name count of the fact that its critical the monotonous voice of it in relative, suggests the wor The it (an adjective which we The print) hot? I feel it, I fate bird ory culminates in a shriotle, who looks like a hawk, and if acked was thought that our commaging into in the habit at times adian Hieros howk, had known ten obsarmed uncerys, he would had one.

## "I don't quite know what the lady meant," mays an elderly physician, "but whatever it was, she meant it hard. She tame to my office last Tuesday, and after considering her case I wrote a prescription, which was to be put up in capsules of very large size. I explained the why and wherefore of this to her, and asked her if she could swallow anything so big. She looked at me in an acidillous way. As a Reliable Specific for the IIIs Incident to the

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ing in the wake of inclement weather,

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cant of the Summerdale Station Police Department, writes from 1993 W. Monroe street, Chicago, Ili.: A. Wellett, wife of a local photog-"Several of the officers of our sta tion have good reason to praise Address Dr. Hartman, President of Peruna. Several times when they the Hartman Sanitarium, Columbus, spent hours in the rain and came in Ohio.

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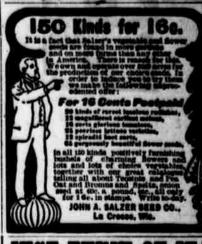
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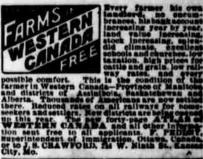
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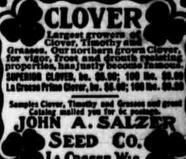
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